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PETROL/DIESEL RETAIL OUTLETS ON CONTRACT BASIS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether various public sector oil companies are running their petrol/diesel retail outlets on contract labour basis;

(b): if so, whether the Union Government has issued any guidelines to oil companies regarding appointment of labour contractors;

(c): if so, the total number of such retail outlets where there was a long gap between appointment of labour contractors and the duration of agreements with oil companies; and

(d): the action being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): The public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) are running some of their retail outlets on a Company Owned Company Operated (COCO) basis under the supervision of an officer of the oil company concerned with labour assistance provided by labour contractors, till regular dealers are appointed.

(b): The Government have advised the OMCs to formulate their own policy and procedure for operating retail outlets on a COCO basis, including the procedure for the appointment of labour contractors.

(c)&(d): The commencement of the agreement with the labour contractor is from the date of his appointment and, hence, there is no gap between the appointment and duration of the contract.